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## THIRTY SHOTS EXCHANGED; ONE OFFICER HIT.

A miraculous thing occurred Saturday night about 10 o'clock when five men, all in a small room, emptied their six-shooters at each other and none were wounded, except Policeman Joe Wall, who received a slight flesh wound on the left elbow. The astounding feature of the battle was that two or three of them were not killed.

From report, it seems that a "rough house" started in Bert Wallace's store or cider joint. Officers were called to quiet the disturbance. Policeman Wall was the first officer to reach the scene, and he succeeded in getting Mr. Wallace home, but did not undertake the arrest of a bunch of "drunks" assembled about the place. Wallace denied having taken any part in the first melee, and as proof of his assertion, said his pistol was at his home. This might have been true. But Wallace returned to his store either bringing his gun from home or procuring another. In the meantime Chief Jno. Wright and Night Policeman Hamby appeared on the scene, as did also Mr. Wall. Conditions were such that Chief Wright thought best to have the place closed for the night and told Wallace to look 'er up. This precipitated the shooting scrape. Wallace began backing up and at the same time pulling his gun. A by-stander, Claude Johnson, is said to have taken up Wallace's fight and fired the first shot. The three policemen then opened fire and emptied their guns, as did also the other two men. The latter retreated into a shed room and re-loaded, but the policemen had no extra cartridges and were forced to make a run. They were pursued fully two blocks by Wallace and Johnson, who kept up a continual fire. Policeman Hamby, who wore a white suit, stumbled and fell. His pursuers saw him go down and thought he was shot and ran on past him. His presence of mind, in laying still when he stumbled, probably saved his life.

After procuring more ammunition, the officers returned to the seat of war. While laying in wait for the return of the fighters, two barrels of a shotgun were emptied at Wall and Wright where they lay in the weeds.

Wallace and Johnson failed to return and could not be found that night. The former, however, upon learning that no one had been killed, gave himself up to Jailer Murchison Sunday morning.

"Snow" Chambers, who was in the house but took no part in the shooting, had his necktie shot off "close up."

About 30 shots were fired during the battle. The fact that the two men wanted were behind the counter is probably the reason marksmanship was so bad.

Wallace is getting to be a noted gunman. Two or three years ago he shot and killed Oscar Diggs at a dance in the lower bottom. The early part of this year he shot and wounded Frank Bivens and in the same encounter killed a horse for Tom Benton.

The Saturday night trouble occurred just outside the city limits. Sheriffs Huddleston and Naylor were called out of town, and had requested the city authorities to look after any calls for them that might be near town.

They did.

## NEW BRICK BUILDING.

The city fathers granted W. T. Grissom, the West Hickman grocer, a building permit Monday evening for a two story brick building. It is to be erected on the lots occupied by the frame store building. The old building will be moved into the street, where Mr. Grissom will continue his business, until the completion of the new structure.

The upper story will be used for residence purposes.

Just received a beautiful line of wash ties and—the price, 2 for 25c. See them.—Baltzer & Dodds.

Roy Jurney has returned from Lexington where he has been attending school.



## News Snapshots Of the Week

The country was surprised at Germany's answer to our note of protest asking for curtailment of submarine warfare as now prosecuted. While the note entered into a discussion of attacks on merchant ships, it failed to meet the issues the United States advanced. Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador, had an interview with the president in relation to it. Our foreign affairs were further enlivened by a note being sent to Mexicans telling them that a peaceful government must soon be established or we would have to take a hand in creating order. In Europe Italy continued her advance. The king visited the front, leaving the Duke of Genoa ruler until his return. Reginald McKenna, chancellor of exchequer of new British coalition cabinet, met Italian finance minister in relation to financing Italy. Roumania now seeks alliance of Russia as price of going to war. Anti-German riots followed first Zeppelin raid on London.

John Pyle, C. G. Schlenker and W. C. Johnson spent first of the week in Louisville and attended the Minneapolis-Louisville baseball games.

A local kangaroo court is now trying to settle the question of how and why "Reelfoot" Lake was so named. Search us.

Miss Rozella Adkisson is visiting relatives and friends at Deaturville, Tenn.

Sport Shirts 50c and \$1.00 at Baltzer & Dodds.

W. P. Reed, of Fulton, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. A. Naylor, and son, W. C. Reed, since our last issue.

Misses Mary Hillsman and Frances Wingo, of Trezevant, Tenn., are guests of Miss Annie Helm Ellison.

J. M. Ezell spent first of the week with relatives around Jackson, Tenn.

Otto Hertweck was here first of the week from Cairo to visit relatives.

Ed Mozley, of State Line, a strong advocate of the candidacy of Atty. Moorman and Judge Platt, says his candidates are going to carry his district by good majority and that Platt will carry both Fulton and Hickman counties.

LOST: Elks pin. Reward. Return to Courier office.

Born to Silas Oliver and wife, Saturday, a son.

Screen doors and screen wire.—Stark & Co.

G. L. Collins, one of our old friends and former citizens, arrived Saturday from Paragould, Ark., for a short stay. Its barely probable that he may locate in this section again.

One of our Hickman lady friends is going to be a charming June bride.

White Clover brand peas, exceptionally fine, per can 20c.—Ezeell & Son.

We are nearing the longest day in the year.

## RETURNED FROM FIELD; HOME IN ASHES.

The country residence of Mrs. Minnie Brown, about three miles out and opposite Graves school house, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock, together with the contents and a smoke house.

It is not known how the fire started. Mrs. Brown and children were in the field, and knew nothing of their loss until their return. The fire was discovered by Will Anderson. It had gained such headway that he was unable to get out anything except a trunk and some bed clothes.

The residence contained four or five rooms. Mrs. Brown carried no insurance and suffered a total loss of \$1000 to \$1500.

A pathetic scene ensued when Mrs. Brown and her children returned and found their home and its furnishings a pile of ashes and smoldering embers. Their plight was pitiful indeed, in view of the fact that Mrs. Brown is a widow with several small children and they were left without even a change of clothes.

## COUNCIL WANTS PRICES ON FIRE ENGINE.

Our city fathers have reached the conclusion that Hickman needs a more adequate fire fighting system.

After seeing a demonstration of the auto fire truck in Fulton, together with a recommendation from the fire insurance companies as to its value, our council has taken up the matter of purchasing one for this city.

A committee, composed of Dr. J. M. Hubbard, J. C. Ellison and Bruce Powell, was appointed to get prices and other data on machines that would best answer the purpose of Hickman's needs. As soon as this committee makes its report, the city fathers expect to take some definite action.

A good fire truck will cost from \$5,000 to \$8,000, and will have to be paid for with a small bond issue. But, considering the fact we are facing a big advance in insurance rates without this equipment, it would certainly be economy from the start—first, in saving insurance; second, in the protection afforded in the future.

## RUSH ORDERS PREVENT PLANT SHUTTING DOWN.

It was the intention of the Mengel Box Co. to shut down the Hickman plant this week for repairs and their annual overhauling, but the arrival of rush orders for a large quantity of their product makes it necessary that they keep the plant going to its full capacity for at least two weeks yet. When these orders have been taken care of the plant will then close down for a week.

It will probably be the last of the month before the company will get to make the overhauling set for this week.

## HICKMAN CITIZEN GETS CALL TO ARMS.

Italy, since engaging in the European struggle, has made a call to arms to her citizens scattered throughout the world. D. P. Aquino, the tailor at Rob Daugherty's shop, received notice Sunday to come back and take his place in the ranks. He is given 20 days in which to make his arrangements to return. The young man is half undecided as to what to do. Failure to respond to the call, means that he is exiled until 49 years old, after which he may return to his native land.

## ROAD BOND DEFEATED.

The voters of Calloway county last Saturday defeated by a large majority the proposition to issue road bonds in that county to the extent of \$200,000. The vote was about 800 for the bond issue and about 1,200 against it.

Owing to high water, Lee Line steamers began landing up town Saturday. The Lee steamers are now handling a heavy business, both freight and passengers.



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Men's Suits in light and dark patterns, - \$4.50 to \$7.50  
Men's Palm Beach Pants, - - - - - 3.00  
Boys' Palm Beach Suits, - - - - - 5.00

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